



The New England College of Optometry

Commencement Exercises 2010



Celebrating 116 Years of Excellence in Optometric Education

Friday, the Twenty Eighth of May Two Thousand Ten John Hancock Hall Back Bay Events Center Boston, Massachusetts

Ceremony Courtesy

Before we begin our formal ceremony, please turn off your cell phones and pagers or put them on silent mode. It is required by Back Bay Events Center that you not use any party favors (creating noise or litter) during any part of the ceremony or carry balloons. If you brought celebratory balloons there is a designated holding area for use during the ceremony.

Today's ceremony is being photographed by a professional photographer who will take pictures of the graduates as they receive their diploma covers. These photographs will be made available to graduates, families, and friends through a designated website. We ask that you refrain from taking personal pictures except from your seats. We do encourage you to turn on your video cameras and we expect to see a lot of flashes popping!

At the conclusion of the ceremony, please allow all members of the platform party and the graduates to exit first. You are then welcome to join us downstairs in the Dorothy Quincy Suite for some light refreshments.

Thank you.

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2010 Valedictorian

Yos Priestley

This year's valedictorian, Yos Priestley, is from Dover, MA. While majoring in Biology as an undergraduate at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA she became interested in the field of Optometry. Yos tells us her experience at The New England College of Optometry has been marked by unique opportunities in research, patient care, and service to others, which has made her the clinician she is today. She truly appreciates the support and encouragement of the entire college community throughout the challenges of the past four years. Yos looks forward to remaining closely involved with the school as she begins a pediatric residency in the Boston area.

Commencement Program

Processional

Marshall: Frank Thorn, OD '79, PhD, Chair, Department of Vision Science

Invocation

Reverend Wesley A. Roberts, PhD

Welcome and Congratulatory Messages

Clifford Scott, OD '68, MPH, President

Steven P. Manfredi, Chairman, Board of Trustees

Jody Fleit, M.S., Vice President of Clinical Affairs and Chief Executive Officer, New England Eye Philip Sutherland, OD '86, President, Alumni Association

Conferral of Honorary Degrees

Clifford Scott, OD '68, MPH, President and Ronald R. Ferrucci, OD '74, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

Keynote Address: Randolph Brooks, OD '77, Honorary Doctor of Ocular Science Recipient Greeting: Fan Lu, OD '02 Honorary Doctor of Ocular Science Recipient

Valedictory Addresse

Yos Priestley, Class of 2010

Presentation of Candidates for Master of Science in Vision Science Degree

Barry M. Fisch, OD '71, Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs

Hooding the Candidates:

Nancy Coletta, OD, PhD, Director of Graduate Research Education

Presentation of Candidates for Doctor of Optometry Degree

Barry M. Fisch, OD '71, Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs

Hooding the Candidates:

James P. Comerford, OD '78, Professor of Vision Science

Foster Namias Award Recipient

Mark O'Donoghue, OD '82, Clinical Associate Professor of Optometry

Carroll Martus Award Recipient

Conferral of Degrees

Clifford Scott, OD '68, MPH, President assisted by Barry M. Fisch, OD '71, Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs

Pledge

Ronald R. Ferrucci, OD '74, Vice Chair

Leads the graduates in the Optometric Oath

Benediction

Reverend Wesley A. Roberts, PhD

Recessional

Reception immediately following the ceremony

Doctor of Optometry Degree Recipients

Aarlan Vincent Aceto #

Mona Aoude

Jacqueline Shakir Armani

Ethan J. Arndt

Amy G. Baron

Jill Suzanne Barr +

Barbara Batwala-Dune +

Christine Elizabeth Beck

Elizabeth Marie Borza

Tarra J. Boulden

Sven-Christian Carlsson

Ding Chen #^

Jennifer Mei-Yin Chen

Davin Edward Chong

Wendy Kathleen Crusberg

Qiqi Cui *

Lien-Thu Van Dao

Sonia Delhon

Hieu Phuong Doan

Davin Dennis Dong Kimberly R. Dong

Sima Dori +

Rupal M. Doshi

Katherine Susan Dunatov

Stephanie M. Dunker

Angela Victoria Dussan +~

Carly Elizabeth Fabian

Kim Marie Finucan

Randi V. Frankl

Michelle Anne Gambini

Janice Marie Gardner

Jaclyn Elizabeth Garlich

Nicolas Gilberg +

Nathaniel L. Graham

Meryl Beth Gray

Lisa M. Guan

Liru Guo *

Adam David Ham

Brandon Patrick Harris

Marcia Elizabeth Hoepf

Hampton, CT

Westwood, MA

Brooklyn, NY

Windham, MA

Sarasota, FL

Glasgow, Scotland

Albany, NY

Hendersonville, NC

Virginia Beach, VA

Newark, DE

Linkoping, Sweden

Wenzhou, China

San Marino, CA

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Belmont, NH

Yichang, China

Boston, MA

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Manchester, NH

Great Neck NY

Quincy, MA

Atlanta, GA
Des Plaines, IL

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Mt. Juliet, TN

Oueens, NY

Port Charlotte, FL

Bremerton, WA

Woodbury, NY

Bolton, MA

East Greenwich, CT

St. Louis, MO

Paris, France

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Mankato, MN

New Freedom, PA

La Palma, CA

Xuzhou, China

Lee, ME

Kirkland, WA

Upper Sandusky, OH

Dianna Marie Iandolo Alireza Jabbari +

Aneesha Jain Jodi Kaplovitch Sandeep Kaur Alia Nazer Khalaf Benjamin D. Klibanoff

Kristen Danielle Krummenacker

Chi-Wen Kuo Farah Lakhani Eric W. Lau ~ Dong Quoc Le Carrie Anne Lefler

Adam Christopher LePosa

Yuanbing Liao *
Chunming Liu *
Eric Anthony Lobo
Alison J. Loranger
Mila Malhotra

Jenelle Lynn Mallios Vikram Singh Mangat

Sandy Pais Manso

Kendall Loraine Harer Mault Brittney Jaye Mazza Thomas Joseph M^cAlear Sarah Elizabeth M^cCrum Corissa Anne M^cKallagat

Suneli Mehdirata

Bharat Rajnikant Mistry ~

Sanbrita Mondal Joanne Ngo

Jennifer Ho Nguyen Kelly Thao Nguyen Natalie Jane Noble Blair Francis O'Reilly

Dhruvi N. Patel Mallika S. Patel Prachi Nilesh Pathak Erika Marie Perzan

Yos Mariam Rahnema Priestley

Phillip Lynn Purcell

Mary Alice Portillo

Revere, MA Tehran, Iran

Toronto, Ontario, Canada Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Cleveland, OH Worcester, MA Rehoboth, MA Commack, NY Bellevue, WA

Kitchener, Ontario, Canada

New York, NY

Huntington Beach, CA Waterford, Ontario, Canada

Buffalo, NY Castro Valley, CA Wuha, China

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Bedford, NH Bolingbrook, IL Palos Park, IL

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Bradford, Ontario, Canada

Seattle, WA Dartmouth, MA Norwell, MA Mars Hill, ME Atkinson, NH

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Kevin Quang Sapna T. Reddy Christine Eileen Rowe

Soby A. Russal Cindy Leigh Russo

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Saniya Shoaib Harbir Sian

Darren Sanjay Singh Kathryn Lyn Skarbez

Kristopher Robert Skromme Christopher Michael Spafford

Jason Lane Stephenson

Kristin Stoker

Tara Leanne Sullivan

Xiaoyin Sun * Ching Man Tang

Alexandra Loan Huynh Tran

Jennie G. Tran Huong Quoc Trang James Truong *

Thuy-Tam Thi Truong
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Fuensanta A. Vera-Diaz +~

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Min Zhang *
Wei Zhu *

Worcester, MA Newburgh, NY Longford, KS Philadelphia, PA Winchester, MA Fremont, CA Natick, MA Rego Park, NY Falmouth, MA

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

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Levittown, NY

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Harbin, China
Flushing, NY
Riverside, CA
Los Angeles, CA
Westminister, CA
Fountain Valley, CA
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Bronx, NY Murcia, Spain Atlanta, GA Kalamazoo, MI Tempe, AZ Goodlettsville, TN

Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

Marblehead, MA Faribault, MN Luoyang, China Yichang City, China

^{*} Denotes Accelerated Optometric Degree Program

⁺ Denotes Advanced Standing International Program

[^] Denotes MSOD China Program

[~] Denotes September or December 2010 Expected Graduation

[#] Denotes previously graduated in 2009

Master of Science in Vision Science Degree Recipients

Christine Elizabeth Beck Nyssa A. Connell Lee Michael Johnson Vandhana Sharda Kristen Cheryl Totonelly Sarah Dougherty Wood Hendersonville, NC Middleboro, MA West Jordan, UT Toronto, Ontario, Canada Mt. Kisco, NY Cambridge, MA

Bachelor of Science in Optometry Degree Recipients

Rooda Ahmed Jamie Humeniuk Mississauga, Ontario, Canada Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

The information in this program should not be considered as verification that a degree was received. All inquiries should be directed to the Registrar's Office.

Beta Sigma Kappa Honor Society

Mona Aoude
Ethan J. Arndt
Tarra J. Boulden*
Sven-Christian Carlsson*
Davin Edward Chong*
Qiqi Cui
Kimberly R. Dong*
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Brittney Jaye Mazza*
Thomas Joseph McAlear*
Joanne Ngo*
Mary Alice Portillo
Yos Mariam Rahnema Priestley*
Jennifer Salvo*
Kathryn Lyn Skarbez
Jennie G. Tran*
Elena Zakarova*

Beta Sigma Kappa is an international optometric honor society. Membership eligibility consist of a minimum grade point average, on a 4 point scale, of 3.5 after the first year, 3.4 after the second year, and 3.3 after the third year. Advanced Optometric Degree Program students are eligible with a minimum of 3.5 after the first year and 3.3 after the second; Advanced Standing International Students with a minimum of 3.3 after the first year. Students receive a certificate and gold cords, which they may wear at Commencement.

^{*} Denotes Four-Year Participation

Candidates for Residency Certification

Cornea and Contact Lenses

Anna Sleeper, OD The New England College of Optometry Kelly Virnig, OD The New England College of Optometry

Community Health Optometry

Jamie Ho, OD Dimock Community Health Center Elesha Starkey, OD Dorchester House Multi-Service Center

Ocular Disease

Marques Bostic, OD Manchester VA Medical Center Kristy Wooler, OD Ophthalmic Consultants of Boston

Pediatric Optometry

Diane Ah-Kine Ng Poon Hing, OD
Rajvinder Pabla, OD
The New England College of Optometry
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Primary Eye Care

Dean Barcelow, OD
Laura Dowd, OD
Suzanne Corbitt, OD
Cathy Gelinas, OD
Megan Sullivan, OD
Regina Zimmers, OD
VA Vermont- White River Junction campus
VA Connecticut - Newington campus
VA Connecticut - Newington campus
VA Connecticut - Newington campus

Primary Eye Care - Geriatric Optometry

Paul Colburn, OD Bedford VA Medical Center Jessica Medina, OD Bedford VA Medical Center

Ocular Disease - Primary Eye Care

Matthew Chavoustie, OD VA Boston- Brockton campus
Melissa Chen, OD VA Boston- Jamaica Plain campus
Kelly Cyr, OD VA Boston- West Roxbury campus
Jeffrey Horst, OD VA Boston- Brockton campus
Kirsten Knowles, OD VA Boston- West Roxbury campus
Mary Kormanak, OD VA Boston- Brockton/Worcester campuses

Irida Llambiri, OD VA Boston- Brockton campus
Mai Luu, OD VA Boston- Jamaica Plain campus
Devina Patel, OD VA Boston- Jamaica Plain campus

Primary Eye Care - Low Vision Rehabilitation

Meghan Cook, OD VA Connecticut - West Haven campus Crystal McFall-DeLuca, OD VA Connecticut - West Haven campus Virali Patel, OD VA Connecticut - West Haven campus

2010 Honorary Degree Recipients

Randolph Brooks, OD '77, FAAO

Recipient of Honorary Doctor of Ocular Science Degree

Randolph Brooks is a senior partner of Advanced Eyecare Associates, LLC, in suburban Northwestern New Jersey with specialty interests in ocular disease, contact lenses, pediatric eye care and vision therapy. He is currently the President of the American Optometric Association and has also served as Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, as well as Board Trustee for six years. In addition, Dr. Brooks was the President of the New Jersey Optometric Association from 1997-1999 and is a past President of the New Jersey Society of Optometric Physicians, which named him Optometrist of the Year in 1995 and 2000.

Dr. Brooks is a graduate of the State University of New York-Albany and The New England College of Optometry. He is a well known speaker and writer on a variety of clinic topics including contact lenses and implementation of ocular therapeutic pharmaceutical agents, as well as practice management. He has a special interest in fitting contact lenses for complex problems such as keratoconics. Dr. Brooks is an active member of his community serving as a Roxbury Rotary Club member and he is on the Temple Shalom Board of Directors. Among other activities, he provides eye screenings for local public schools, nursery schools, and day care centers, and co-developed the Senior Citizen Eye Care Program for the Morris County Department of the Aging

Professor Fan Lu, OD '02

Recipient of Honorary Doctor of Ocular Science Degree

Fan Lu is the Vice President of Wenzhou Medical College. Additionally, Dr. Fan is the Executive Dean and a professor at the college, the Secretary in General at China National Optometry Research Center, the Executive Editor in Chief for the Chinese Journal of Optometry and Ophthalmology, and a two-time China National Congress member.

Dr. Fan received her degree of General Medicine and degree of Optometry and Ophthalmology at Wenzhou Medical College, and her Doctor of Optometry Degree as a part of the MS/OD program here at the New England College of Optometry. She has received numerous research grants, been a part of many publications, and has been editor and editor-in-chief for a variety of textbooks.

This degree is honoring Dr. Fan's part in establishing the success of the unique intercontinental collaboration that exists between the New England College of Optometry and Wenzhou Medical College.

Personal Achievement Awards

Alumni Association Award

Jaclyn Elizabeth Garlich

Outstanding service to the profession and the community

Dr. Hyman R. Kamens Award

Jennifer Mei-Yin Chen

Demonstrated leadership and commitment to others in the field

Jennifer Mei-Yin Chen

F. Dow Smith Award

Leadership abilities in the profession

Elizabeth Marie Borza

National Optometric Student Association Award Outstanding eye care service to Boston's underserved communities and exceptional leadership commitment and integrity

Dr. Edward Joseph Troendle, Jr. AwardClass member who has given highly of him/herself to college and profession

Jaclyn Elizabeth Garlich

Academic Awards

Valedictory & Beta Sigma Kappa Metal

Yos Mariam Rahnema Priestley

Highest cumulative GPA in class

Thomas Joseph McAlear

Salutatorian AwardSecond highest cumulative GPA in class

Jill Suzanne Barr

Advanced Standing International Program Scholastic Achievement Award

The highest cumulative GPA in the Advanced Standing Program

William R. Baldwin Award

Yuanbing Liao

Highest cumulative GPA in the Advanced Optometric Degree Program

Faculty Awards

Foster Namias Award

James P. Comerford, OD

Elected by the class of 2010 for superior classroom instruction, outstanding service to students and is highly knowledgeable in his field.

Carroll Martus Award

Mark O'Donoghue, OD

Elected by the class of 2010 for superior clinical instruction, outstanding service to students and is highly knowledgeable in his field.

Clinical Awards

Contact Lens

Alcon Award Natalie Jane Noble

Outstanding expertise in contact lens

GP Clinical Excellence Award Nathaniel L. Graham

Enthusiastic about GP lens designs and materials, desire to improve fitting skills

Vistakon Award of Excellence in Contact Lens Brittney Jaye Mazza

Excellence in contact lens patient care

Outstanding Clinical Performance

William C. Barrett Scholarship
Outstanding clinical skills and need at an Omni Center

Class of 1969 Scholarship Award

Outstanding clinical performance

Jenelle Lynn Mallios

Marchon Eyewear Practice Management Award

Outstanding clinical and dispensing skills in practice
management

Katherine Susan Dunatov

The New England College of Optometry AwardSuperior knowledge and competence in patient care

Benjamin D. Klibanoff

Pediatrics

COVD Award for Excellence in Vision Therapy
Strong interest and clinical skills in vision therapy

Ira Schwartz Behavioral Vision Award

Excellence in pediatric optometry

Yos Mariam Rahnema Priestley

Low Vision

Asarkof Scholarship Stephanie M. Dunker

Outstanding performance in vision rehabilitation

Eschenbach Award for
Excellence in Low Vision

Aptitude and interest in low vision

William Feinbloom Low Vision Award

Outstanding achievement in low vision

David J. Kerko Low Vision Award

Interest and exceptional clinical proficiency in low vision

Dianna Marie Iandolo Interest and exceptional clinical proficiency in low

Scholarship Awards

Israel & Sylvia Grossman Scholarship Kathryn Lyn Skarbez

Monthe N. Kofos Scholarship Jaclyn Elizabeth Garlich

Alumni Association Scholarship Wendy Kathleen Crusberg

Marcia Elizabeth Hoepf Yos Mariam Rahnema Priestley

Beider Moral Obligation Scholarship Tarra J. Boulden

Kimberly R. Dong Brittney Jaye Mazza Sandra Wai Wong

Ned S. Witkin Leadership in Low Vision Award Jennifer Salvo

Wal-Mart Scholarship Wendy Kathleen Crusberg

Vision Service Plan Scholarship Marcia Elizabeth Hoepf

Cindy Leigh Russo

Class of 2010 Student Council Members

Two Years

Jennifer Chen Jaclyn Garlich Patricia Salazar Harbir Sian Kristopher Skromme

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Acknowledgements

The New England College of Optometry joins our graduates in thanking families and friends for their unwavering support and encouragement

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the many members of the college community whose hard work and dedication helped to make this weekend possible.

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The New England College of Optometry congratulates our alumni, Class of 1960, who are celebrating their 50th reunion year.

Academic Heraldry

The caps, gowns and hoods worn at College functions have their origins in the robes worn by monks and students in the middle ages to keep out the cold and damp. Today, the academic regalia has been standardized by tradition and agreement among institutions of higher learning.

The gowns for bachelor degrees have long, pointed sleeves and are worn closed. Masters degree holders wear gowns with oblong sleeves open at the wrist. The gown may be worn open or closed. Gowns for the doctoral degree carry long velvet panels down the front and have three velvet bars on the full sleeves. The velvet may be black or of a color distinctive to the field of study for which the degree is given. Gowns are usually black, but a few institutions now prescribe colors representative of the school.

Caps, also called mortarboards, may be of cloth or, for the doctoral outfit, velvet. The tassel is black or of a color appropriate to the field of study. Doctoral tassels may be gold.

The colors on the hoods provide the institutional identity and signify the field of study. The style of the hood is specific to the degree level, with doctoral hoods being larger, with wider velvet borders, and with a panel at the back. The silk lining of the hood is in the institutional colors and the velvet borders signify the field of the degree. Commonly seen colors are:

Arts, letters, humanities: white Architecture: brown Dentistry: lilac Education: light blue purple Library science: lemon yellow Medicine: green Optometry: seafoam green Philosophy: dark blue Public Administration: peacock blue Public Health: salmon pink

The Optometric Oath*

With full deliberation I freely and solemnly pledge that:

I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously, and to the fullest scope of my competence.

I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standard, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.

I will provide professional care for those who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.

I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack proper care.

I will hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.

I will advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain or enhance their vision and general health.

I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.

I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.

I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country and humankind as a citizen as well as an optometrist.

I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this my solemn oath and obligation.

*Adopted by the American Optometric Association and by the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry

